

- 1. A method for applying walkway pads to roofing membranes, the method comprising:

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 3 affixing a solids tape to one flat surface of a walkway pad, where the tape carries a protective layer of release paper, and where said step of affixing occurs at the location where the pad is manufactured;

 6 removing said release paper from said tape immediately prior to use;
- removing said release paper from said tape immediately prior to use;
 subsequently placing the exposed surface of said tape directly onto the upper
 surface of the roofing membrane; and,
- 9 applying force directly to said walkway pad to enhance the bond between said pad and the membrane created by said tape.
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 2. The method of claim 1, where said walkway pad comprises asphaltic materials,
 2 concrete or rubber-based materials.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein said solids tape comprises EPDM rubber, butyl rubber or blends thereof.
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein said walkway pads comprise rubber-based materials and said solids tape comprises a blend of <u>EPDM</u> and <u>butyl rubbers</u>.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, further including the additional step of
 2 preparing the area of the roofing membrane to which said walkway pad will
- be applied prior to said step of removing.

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- 1 7. The method of claim 6, wherein said step of preparing includes the step of
- priming the area of the roofing membrane to which said walkway pad will be applied
 prior to said step of removing.

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- 8. A method for applying a walkway pad to a roofing membrane, said method comprising:
- providing a walkway pad to a rooftop, where the walkway pad includes a solids tape applied to a substantially planar surface of the walkway pad; and
- applying the walkway pad to a roofing membrane, which is located on the rooftop, by placing an exposed surface of the solids tape directly onto the upper surface of the roofing membrane.

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- 1 9. The method of claim 8, where said tape is applied proximal to opposed edges of
- 2 the flat surface of the walkway pad.
- 1 10. The method of claim 8, where said walkway pad comprises asphaltic materials,
- 2 concrete or rubber-based materials.
- 1 11. The method of claim 8, wherein said solids tape comprises EPDM rubber, butyl
- 2 rubber or blends thereof.
- 1 12. The method of claim 8, wherein said walkway pads comprise rubber-based
- 2 materials and said solids tape comprises a blend of EPDM and butyl rubbers.

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- 1 13. The method of claim 8, further including the additional step of
- preparing the area of the roofing membrane to which said walkway pad will
 be applied prior to said step of removing.
- 1 14. The method of claim 8, where the solids tape is applied to a flat surface of the
- 2 walkway pad at the same location where the walkway pad is manufactured.
- $^{\setminus 0}\mathcal{V}$ 15. The method of claim 14, where the solids tape is applied to a flat surface of the
- 2 walkway pad without priming the flat surface of the walkway pad.

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1 16. A method for providing walkway pads to service personnel who will apply the

2 pads to a roofing membrane, said method comprising:

preparing a self-adhering walkway pad by affixing a solids tape to a flat surface of a walkway pad, where said solids tape carries a protective layer of

5 release paper;

- 6 bundling a plurality of self-adhering walkway pads for delivery; and,
- delivering the plurality of self-adhering walkway pads to service personnel for application of the walkway pads to a roofing membrane.
- 1 17. The method of claim 16, where said walkway pad comprises asphaltic materials,
- 2 concrete or rubber-based materials.

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- 1 18. The method of claim 16, wherein said solids tape comprises EPDM rubber, butyl
- 2 rubber or blends thereof.

- 1 19. The method of claim 16, wherein said walkway pads comprise rubber-based
- 2 materials and said solids tape comprises a blend of EPDM and butyl rubbers.
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- 1 20. The method of claim 16, where said tape is affixed proximal to opposed edges of
- 2 said flat surface of the walkway pad.
- $1^{\binom{6}{2}}$ The method of claim 16, where the solids tape is applied to a flat surface of the
- 2 walkway pad at the same location where the walkway pad is manufacture.
- 1 22. The method of claim 16, where the solids tape is applied to a flat surface of the
- 2 walkway pad without priming the flat surface of the walkway pad.
- 1 23. The method of claim 16, where the tape is a 100% solids tape.

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24. The method of claim 8, where the tape carries a protective layer of release paper; 1 and further comprising the step of removing the release paper from the tape. 2 (01 27. A method of making a walkway pad, said method comprising the steps of: 1 constructing a walkway pad within a factory; 2 applying a solids tape to a substantially planar surface of the walkway pad; 3 and 4 5 applying a release paper directly to said solids tape, where said steps of applying a solids tape and applying a release paper occur while the walkway pad 6

remains within the same factory that the walkway pad was constructed.